

MINUTES

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Noon - 2:00 p.m., Governor's Board Room

Present: Bill Afeaki, Camille Anthony, Richard Melton proxy for Rod Betit, Col. Merrill Carter, Blake Chard, Pat Fleming, Steve Laing, Verne Larsen, Harold Morrill, Mary Phillips, Leon PoVey, Diane Stuart and Kirk Torgensen proxy for Mark Shurtleff

Excused: Dan Becker, Rod Betit, Camille Cain, Mike Chabries, Gary Cox, Sharon Daurelle, Bob Flowers, Mark Payne, Jane Piercey, Scott Reed, JoAnn Seghini, Mark Shurtleff, Karen and Sherm Watkins

Visitors: Gary Baker, Debbie Castell, Dave Chavel, Stacey Eddings, Mary Lou Emerson, Patricia Getty, Connie Kitchens, Leon PoVey and Michelle Staley

Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Acting Chair Pat Fleming welcomed all present and introductions were made. *A motion was made by Camille Anthony to approve the minutes of the October 24th meeting. The motion was seconded by Verne Larsen and approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Election of New USAAV Officers

Dr. James Mason, previous Chair of the USAAV Council, has accepted a church assignment leaving him little time for other civic responsibilities. Therefore, elections for a new Chair and Vice Chair of the USAAV Council were called for.

Harold Morrill moved that Leon PoVey be nominated as Chair of the USAAV Council. Kirk Torgensen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pat Fleming nominated Diane Stuart as Vice Chair of the USAAV Council. Camille Anthony moved that nominations be closed. Steve Laing moved that Diane be voted in by acclamation, which was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Appreciation was given to Pat Fleming for the work he did as Acting Chair of the Council over the past few months.

Agenda Item: Healthier You 2002 Presentation

Connie Kitchens, from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, gave a presentation regarding the Olympic "Gold Medal Miles;" community-based mile walk/runs occurring statewide focusing on healthy behaviors. The local substance abuse authority programs are participating members in this effort. The Salt Lake Olympic Committee is using this program to promote healthy lifestyles and parallel with the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA). A flag showing the "Healthier You 2002" and Olympic logo was presented to Debbie Castell, State Project Officer for SICA and Patrisha Getty, Acting Deputy Division Director for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Agenda Item: State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA)

Patrishia Getty from Washington, D.C. congratulated the group on being the recipient of the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA). She noted that the focus of the cooperative agreement is on statewide coordination of substance abuse programs in order to most effectively distribute the funding. This will provide three million dollars a year for the next three years for Utah to coordinate, leverage and redirect substance abuse funding. Debbie Castell is the federal liason from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and will work closely with the state to provide guidance and technical assistance to help achieve the goals of the grant. Patrishia explained that the bulk of the funding will be used to develop a comprehensive prevention strategy aimed at filling gaps in community prevention services; reducing drug use by youth; and implementing prevention approaches that are based on sound, scientific research findings. The USAAB Council will act as the steering committee for this grant. The progress of this cooperative agreement will be an ongoing agenda item.

Agenda Item: Review of the 2001 Legislative Session

Marvin Dodge gave a summary of the legislative outcome of the USAAB priorities, as well as a handout outlining a summary of each bill and final statute. This information can be found on the CCJJ website: www.usaab.state.ut.us.

Agenda Item: Presentation of Governor's DUI Council Annual Report

Mary Lou Emerson presented the Governor's Council on DUI annual report. The council was originally created by Governor Leavitt in September, 1999. Included with the handout was a copy of the Executive Order signed by the Governor re-authorizing the DUI Council to continue their work through the 2002 Legislative Session until March 15th. Mary Lou will report back to the USAAB Council prior to September 1st to review the proposals that are being formulated, including any budget requests, for the 2002 legislative session.

Agenda Item: USAAB Club Drug Workgroup Update

Marvin noted that the Club Drug Workgroup has met several times and established four subcommittees: law enforcement, education, sexual assault prevention and treatment. The workgroup is focusing their efforts on a Club Drug Summit to be held in August, 2001; details will be forthcoming. There are plans to hold regional meetings throughout Utah following the summit to get communities involved. Legislative issues that emerge from this summit will be brought to USAAB for study.

Agenda Item: Drug Court and Treatment Programs Evaluation

Rep. Scott Daniels, a former judge, approached Marvin mid-session to discuss a bill to create a task force to specifically look at drug courts and drug treatment throughout Utah. This project is the result of a legislative initiative drafted during the session assigning the Treatment Committee to initiate a statewide review and evaluation of Utah's substance abuse treatment programs for criminal justice referrals; with reports due in October, 2001 and January, 2002. The consensus of the Treatment Committee is to take the approach of primarily focusing on drug courts first. A standard set of criteria will be formulated for each court to be judged by, which will include recidivism, entrance criteria as well as some other measures. Marvin will check with Rep. Daniels to make sure that his concerns are addressed. Drug courts would be compared as well as descriptive information about each individual court included. A subcommittee made up of Treatment Committee members, Rep. Daniels and CCJJ staff was formed to study the issue and determine the course to take.

Agenda Item: Update on Initiative B Seizure and Forfeiture Law

Kirk Torgensen provided a status report on the Initiative B litigation. Camille Anthony noted the potential for conflict because of parties involved in the litigation.

Agenda Item: Other Items

Leon noted that over the years the Council has become more concerned with funding issues, rather than policy issues. He would like to see the Council turn toward more policy oriented issues. He encouraged the Treatment Committee to take on the Drug Courts and Treatment Programs legislative study item as its primary responsibility and report back to the Council at every meeting as to their progress. Leon feels this will lead to more credibility with the legislators as this project is successfully completed. He charged the Prevention Committee with overseeing the progress of the SICA grant. Diane Stuart emphasized the need to report back to the Council as a critical element of the follow through. *Camille made a motion for the SICA grant to be the primary responsibility of the Prevention Committee, and the Treatment Committee focus on the intent statement that came out of the legislative session and other duties as assigned be taken on as a secondary priority. It is expected that these two projects will have results within the next year. The motion was seconded by Colonel Merrill Carter and was unanimously approved.*

Camille emphasized how important it is to have a quorum present at each committee meeting in order to conduct business. She requested that each of the Council members go back and review who they have assigned to committees and get back to Marvin Dodge regarding whether that person is, in fact, planning to continue to attend or whether they will be replaced. It is a good opportunity, as well, to review whether that individual has the focus that each department would like to have represented. Marvin can be reached at e-mail address: mdodge@gov.state.ut.us or phone number (801) 538-1739. It was requested that this information be relayed to Marvin by mid-April.

Agenda Item: Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on Wednesday, May 16th from noon - 2:00 in room 129 of the State Capitol Building. Lunch will be provided.